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SUBJ: POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS: STILL NO GOVERNMENT

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SUMMARY: A NEW GOVERNMENT HAS STILL NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED. PCP
EFFORTS HAVE ACCELERATED TO REINFORCE GONCALVES' POSITION. COL.
NEVES AND OTHER DEPOSED ELEMENTS OF AMADORA COMMANDO REGIMENT
WERE REINSTATED FOLLOWING AUGUST 4 MEETING OF UNIT PERSONNEL
PRESIDED OVER BY GENERAL OTELO SARAIVA DE CARVALHO. COPCON, IN UN-
CHARACTERISTIC STATEMENT OF SELF-CRITICISM, ADMITTED ITS
ACTION TRANSFERRING PERSONNEL WAS PRECIPITATE. VIOLENCE
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CONTINUES IN NORTH.PCP DIRECTORATE FOR NORTH CHARGED INCIDENTS

ARE PART OF FASCIST PLOT SUPPORTED, INTER ALIA, BY CIA. REGIONAL MILITARY COMMAND FOR CENTER (COIMBRA) HAS DEPLORED INCIDENTS, WHICH IT SAYS ARE THE PRODUCT OF POPULAR MANIPULATION BY REACTION-ARY FORCES. END SUMMARY

1. NEW GOVERNMENT: NEW GOVERNMENT HAS STILL NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED -- TWENTY-SIX DAYS AFTER SOCIALISTS' WITHDRAWAL. REPORTS WHICH WE RECEIVED AUGUST 4 RE SWING OF SENTIMENT AGAINST PRIME MINISTER GONCALVES, FREELY REPORTED IN AUGUST 5 PRESS (REFTEL A), HAVE BEEN OFFICIALLY DENIED FOLLOWING A MEETING OF THE LISBON AREA MILITARY COMMANDERS. SPOKESMAN FOR PRIME MINISTER SAID GONCALVES WILL MEET WITH MINISTERS FROM PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT TO GIVE THEM THE GUIDANCE NECESSARY TO ALLOW THEM TO ACT UNTIL NEW GOVERNMENT IS ANNOUNCED. COMMUNIST-LINING PRESS AUGUST 5 GIVES FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT TO REPORTS OF CONTINUED MILITARY AND POPULAR SUPPORT FOR GONCALVES. COMMUNIST-LINING J-5 (PROPAGANDA AND CULT-URAL DYNAMIZATION) BROADCAST ON EVENING AUGUST 4 REJECTED POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER COALITION GOVERNMENT AS A WAY OUT OF CURRENT SITUATION.

2. COL. NEVES RESTORED TO COMMAND: COL. JAIME NEVES AND OTHER PERSONNEL OF AMADORA COMMANDO REGIMENT HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY FOLLOWING AUGUST 4 MEETING OF REGIMENT PERSONNEL PRESIDED OVER BY COPCON COMMANDER GENERAL OTELO SARAIVA DE CARVALHO. COPCON ISSUED BRIEF STATEMENT ADMITTING THAT ITS EARLIER ACTION SUMMARILY TRANSFERRING NEVES AND OTHER PERSONNEL HAD BEEN MADE BEFORE ALL FACTS WERE IN. STATEMENT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT INCIDENT WAS PROVOKED BY "PERNICIOUS AND DIVISIONIST INTERFERENCE" IN MIDST OF UNIT BY UNNAMED POLITICAL GROUPS. THOSE RESPONSIBLE, STATEMENT ADDED, WILL FACE MILITARY JUSTICE. COPCON IS NOW LICKING ITS WOUNDS WHILE ENGAGING IN SELF CRITICISM.

3. MORE VIOLENCE: WAVE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST LEFT CONTINUES IN NORTH.

-- VILA NOVA DE FAMILICAO (BRAGA): FOLLOWING DEATH OF TWO DEMONSTRATORS INVOLVED IN ATTACKS AGAINST LOCAL PCP HEADQUARTERS, ANGRY CROWD ON AUGUST 4 SACKED AND BURNED CONTENTS OF PRIVATE PROFESSIONAL OFFICES OF THREE LEADING LEFTISTS (ONE FROM PCP, OTHERS FROM MDP/CDE) (REFTEL B). CROWD THEN PROCEEDED TO CAMARA CONFIDENTIAL

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MUNCIPAL AND SUCCESSFULLY DEMANDED THAT FLAG BE LOWERED TO HALF MAST IN HONOR OF DEAD DEMONSTRATORS. FUNERALS ARE SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 5 AND MORE VIOLENCE COULD ENSURE.

-- IN ANHA (VIANA DO CASTELO) IN PAST FEW DAYS BOMB EXPLODED IN OFFICE OF "PROGRESSIVE" LEADER AND ANOTHER EXPLOSIVE CHARGE FOUND IN LOCALE WHERE MDP/CDE SOMETIMES MEETS.

-- IN FAFE (BRAGA) ON MORNING AUGUST 4, SMALL EXPLOSIVE CHARGE WENT OFF NEAR COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT OPERATED BY FATHER OF MDP

ACTIVIST.

-- IN LISBON, UNEXPLAINED EXPLOSION OCCURRED IN UNOCCUPIED DELIVERY TRUCK DURING EARLY MORNING HOURS AUGUST 5 IN DOWNTOWN LISBON. ONE PERSON WAS INJURED AND GLASS BLOWN OUT OF NEARBY BUILDINGS.

4. PCP REGIONAL DIRECTORATE FOR NORTH ISSUED COMMUNIQUE AUGUST 4 STATING IT INTENDS TO INITIATE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR ATTACKS IN NORTH. IT CHARGED THAT "FASCIST ELEMENTS, TRAINED IN SPAIN, COMMANDED BY GROUPS OF MERCENARIES PAID BY CAPITALIST EXPLOITERS AND THE CIA, AND MASKED BY THE PROPAGANDA OF THE CDS AND THE PPD" WERE RESPONSIBLE. IT ALSO CRITICIZED AUTHORITIES FOR "PASSIVITY" BEFORE THE WAVE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST PROGRESSIVE ELEMENTS. IT SPECIFICALLY CHARGED THAT SOLDIERS, IN PRESENCE OF OFFICERS, JOINED IN THE SACKING OF PCP OFFICES IN FORMALICAO.

5. CENTRAL REGIONAL MILITARY COMMAND IN COIMBRA ISSUED STATEMENT AUGUST 4 STRONGLY CRITICAL OF VIOLENCE. STATEMENT SAID INCIDENTS WERE NOT SPONTANEOUS ACTS BUT RATHER WERE THE RESULT OF POPULAR MANIPULATION ON THE PART OF REACTIONARY FORCES.

6. COMMENT: SITUATION REMAINS FLUID RE ROLE GONCALVES WILL OCCUPY IN NEW GOVERNMENT. PS LEADER SOARES BELIEVES GONCALVES HAS WON HIS FIGHT AND WILL STAY AS PRIME MINISTER. THE TREND -- AGAINST HIM OVER WEEKEND -- NOW SEEMS TO BE IN GONCALVES' DIRECTION.

7. RETURN OF NEVES AND HIS COLLEAGUES TO COMMAND POSITIONS IN AMADORA COMMANDO REGIMENT IS SETBACK FOR COMMUNISTS. SHAKY MILITARY DISCIPLINE HAS SURVIVED TEST WHICH IT COULD NOT AFFORD TO LOSE. INCIDENTS AT AMADORA WILL BE IMPORTANT OBJECT LESSON TO THOSE WITHIN AFM WHO BELIEVE THAT MILITARY INSTITUTIONS CAN
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REMAIN RELATIVELY INTACT WHILE RADICAL CHANGES ARE ENCOURAGED ELSEWHERE.

8. VIOLENCE OUTSIDE LISBON SHOWS NO SIGN OF ABATING. CENTRAL MILITARY COMMAND'S TOUGH TALK NOTWITHSTANDING, EQUIVOCAL AND AT TIMES SUPPORTIVE ATTITUDE OF LOCAL MILITARY UNITS IN FACE OF WAVE OF ASSAULTS UPON LEFTIST ESTABLISHMENTS AGAIN ILLUSTRATES THAT MILITARY IS CONSIDERABLY MORE "MODERATE" IN OUTLOOK THAN AFM LEADERSHIP.
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